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THE GAMBLE FAMILY

OF

BUTLER TOWNSHIP,

KNOX COUNTY,

OHIO

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by William Gamble Martin

Section II.
Narrative

To be used in conjunction with Section I. (Chart)

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To

INA CONSTANCE GAMBLE MARTIN

late of

Millwood, Knox County, Ohio

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This material is intended to supplement Section I (chart) of this work. It is believed the information given is accurate although there has not been sufficient time to properly edit and rewrite the narrative. It is, essentially, a first draft presentation. Perhaps at some future date there will be an opportunity to give this project the attention it merits.

The writer will be pleased if you will advise him of any errors. It will also be appreciated if you will send any new or additional information to him at the address shown.

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THE GAMBLE FAMILY OF BUTLER TOWNSHIP, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.

- (1) CONSTANT COLLINS GAMBLE
m (1st) 5 Mar 1851
Gambier, Ohio
b 7 Feb 1825 at Sunbury, Ohio
d 8 Dec 1892 at Millwood, Ohio
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio
Farmer and Justice of the Peace in
New Castle and Union Townships for
many years. A man noted for tremen-
dous strength albeit he had lost an
arm in a threshing accident circa
1850. Spent most of his life in
eastern Knox County, Ohio.
- (2) SARAH C. CASTEEL
m (2nd) 19 Aug 1875
at Columbus, Ohio
b 16 May 1831 at Gambier, Ohio
d 28 Sep 1865 at New Castle, Ohio
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio
Issue from 1st marriage: Mary Flor-
ence m 1st Waters, 2nd Workman; John
Robinson d y; Lavina Nancy (Minnie)
m James Marques Butler; William
Douglas m Grace Cochran; James Frank-
lin d y; Robert E. L. m Cora Tressell.
- (3) ELIZABETH ROBINSON WHITNEY
b 12 Aug 1843 at Danville, Ohio
d 3 Feb 1910 at Millwood, Ohio.
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
Widow of Thomas Hart Benton Whitney
of Knox County, Ohio.
Issue from 2nd marriage: Ina Const-
ance m William Huston Martin of Fay-
ette County, Penna.
- (4) WILLIAM GAMBLE
m 28 Nov 1868 at
Warsaw on New Castle
b 17 Dec 1826
d 14 Jun 1892 at Family Home.
bu New Castle, Ohio
- (5) MARY ANN COCHRAN
b 8 Jun 1843
d at Newark, Ohio.
bu at New Castle, Ohio.
Issue: John Robinson, d y; Mildred
Burns (Millie) m Alexander Beal;
James Hayes m Minnie Mitchell, James
had a twin brother who died at birth;
Charles Francis m Malinda Haffelinger;
Edna Earle m T.O. Speck; Another son
lost at birth.
- (6) GEORGE WASHINGTON GAMBLE
Never married
b 1 Apr 1830
d 19 Sep 1892 at Family home.
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
Family referred to him with great
affection as "Uncle Dod", he lived
his entire life on the homestead in
Butler Township.
- (7) HORATIO NELSON GAMBLE
m 2 Nov 1861
b 10 Sep 1832
d 23 Feb 1875
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.

- (8) LOUISE A. LONG
b 27 Jun 1843 at Mt Vernon, Ohio
d 22 May 1907 at Manhattan, Kansas.
Issue: Olive May (Ollie) m James Harrod; Elizabeth Horatio (Bessie) m Robert John Kirkwood Murray.
b 26 Nov 1834
d 3 Dec 1917 at family homestead.
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
Sarah bought out her brothers' interest in the Homestead and she and her husband spent their lives there.
- (9) SARAH JANE GAMBLE
m 7 Jul 1869
at the Homestead
b 8 Nov 1828 at Emmitsburg, Maryland.
d 17 Mar 1907 at Homestead.
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
Issue: Vinnie Maud m George W. Crise.
- (10) MILLER W. SOULE
b 26 Mar 1837 at Homestead.
d 19 Jul 1914 at Mt Vernon, Ohio
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio
A physician who lived and practised in Blandinsville, Ill. and in Ohio.
- (11) JOHN ROBINSON GAMBLE II
m 24 May 1866
Walhonding, Ohio
b 3 Oct 1847 at Walhonding, Ohio.
d 11 Dec 1913 at Mt Vernon, Ohio.
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
Issue: Rolland d y; Frank m Hannah Giffen; Mamie d y; Herbert m Leona Berry; John Robinson III m Margaret Severns; Winifred m Rev. David A. Morris.
- (12) MARTHA JANE MCVEY
b 7 Sep 1796 near Philadelphia, Penna. (Chester?)
d 26 Nov 1857 at Homestead.
*bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
John owned and operated a brick kiln in Columbus; was contractor on public works in Newark; was contractor on lock construction on Ohio Canal in Tuscarawas County; Built roads in both Coshocton and Knox Counties. Settled Butler Township Homestead in 1836. Is mentioned in Ohio and County histories of the period.
- (13) JOHN ROBINSON GAMBLE I
m 25 Dec 1823 at
Sunbury, Ohio.
b 30 Mar 1797 in or near Pittston, Pa.
d 30 Jul 1881 at Homestead.
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
Issue: 1, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 11 as previously listed.
- (14) LAVINA COLLINS

*NOTE: A number of these people were originally buried in the Cemetery at Riley Chapel Church in Butler Township. Later the bodies were disinterred and moved to Workman Cemetery in Danville where they still rest.

(15) WILLIAM USHER GAMBLE
m 5 Dec 1791 in Ireland
we believe.

b 29 Aug 1771 Derrykeighan, County
Antrim, N. I.
d 1838 Probably in Peru Twp.
Huron County, Ohio.

bu presumably in Peru Twp., Huron
County, Ohio.

This is the immigrant ancestor of
the Gamble name and we have a number
of interesting legends concerning
him. The family in Ireland were land-
ed gentry and from the evidence avail-
able in wills, marriage contracts and
deeds would seem to have been quite
prosperous. One of the more prevalent
stories concerning William had it
that he was a student at either the
University of Dublin or Dublin Col-
lege when he killed an English of-
ficer in a duel and was forced to
flee the country. He was supposed
to have hidden in a 'crate of cab-
bages' and been smuggled aboard a
ship bound for America. He later sent
for his bride, Nancy, who followed
him shortly thereafter to America.
In any event he seems to have been a
good business man. He first settled
near Philadelphia, thence to Zanes-
ville, thence to Sunbury and from
there to Huron County, Ohio. He suc-
cessfully engaged in lumber, freight-
ing, farming and the distillery busi-
ness. His children seem to have en-
joyed a good education since a number
of them went into professional fields.

b 24/25 May 1772. Some records indi-
cate Glasgow as her birth place and
other sources say "south of the Bor-
der".

d 2 May 1842 Homestead
bu Workman Cemetery, Danville, Ohio.
Presumably she was Scots in origin.
She must have been quite a lady. She
bore twelve children in what was then
the wilderness and after the death
of her husband she lived out the bal-
ance of her life with her son, John,
at the family Homestead.

Issue: Isabella, record incomplete;
Jane m John Fish; John Robinson m
Lavina Collins; Elizabeth m Lemuel W
Siefert; Nancy, r i; Mary m Eber Root

(16) NANCY ROBINSON

William Usher II m Nancy Crum; James m Elizabeth Ashely; Sarah m Albert Collins* (brother of Lavina); Emily, r i; Horatio Nelson, r i; Lucy, r i. References: Records of Chester County Pa.; Delaware County, Ohio; Coshoc-ton County, Ohio; Muskingum County, Ohio; Huron County, Ohio.

- (17) JEDDEDIAH COLLINS
m - exact date and
location unknown.
Probably 1790/2.

b 1 Mar. 1768. Exact location not certain. Either Connecticut or Rhode Island-probably the latter. Richmond or Hopkinton.

d 9 Sep 1828 at Sunbury, Ohio
bu Sunbury, Ohio.

- (18) SARAH SEARLE

b 19 Sep 1768 at Sonington, Conn.
Birth certificate indicates the name was spelled Searles.

d 29 Aug 1828 at Sunbury, Ohio.
bu beside her husband in Sunbury.
They settled in Sunbury in 1827 or 28. Moving there from Luzerne County (near Pittston) Penna. Nancy, their oldest child had preceded them to Sunbury by some years it seems.

Issue: Nancy m Lemuel Slocum; Lavina m John R. Gamble**Constant Searle, died at age nineteen of the 'plague' in Columbus, Ohio. No record of his having been married; Daniel H. m Ann ; John Adams m Betsy Love-lace; Albert M. m Sarah Gamble; George W. who is buried at Sunbury with the Collins. One set of records shows him to have died at age nineteen another gives his age as under two years at time of death. Possibly he is a grand son of Jeddediah and Sarah.

* NOTE: Lavina Collins and Albert M. Collins were brother and sister. They wed John R. Gamble and Sarah Gamble who were also brother and sister. The Albert M. Collins mentioned here is "Uncle Albert" the writer of the letter appearing in the final pages.

**NOTE: I have an oil portrait of this young man painted in Philadelphia shortly before his death. Reproductions are available.

(19) WILLIAM GAMBLE
m before 17 Nov 1772

b in County Antrim, North Ireland.
d 1797 in County Antrim
bu in graveyard at Derrykeighan,
County Antrim*

(20) ISABELLA ANDERSON

b probably in Bushmills, Co. Antrim.
d probably in or near Derrykeighan.
bu in cemetery in Derrykeighan.
William was a member of a good and
prominent family. Isabella was a
daughter of the owner of the Bush-
mills distillery. This distillery
was in the Anderson family until
the 1930s. There is available a copy
of the marriage contract entered in-
to by their fathers. The contract
was recorded on 17 Nov 1772.

Issue: Peter m Mary ; Joseph m
Jane Rowan; William Usher m Nancy
Robinson; James; Robert; Mary. No
information concerning the last
three. Old letters indicate that
James may have come to America after
William.

(21) JEDDEDIAH COLLINS
m 29 Nov 1767 at
Richmond, R I

b date and exact location unknown.
Probably either Connecticut or Rhode
Island.

d As noted in the "Albert Collins
Letter" ** he died at sea while ser-
ving with "The Infant Navy". My re-
search unearthed the interesting
fact that a James Collins, a quarter
gunner aboard the USS Constitution
died of small pox at Cape Francis
21 Oct 1799. This is the only record
that would seem to fit our Jeddediah
Records and particularly the spell-
ing of names was handled rather hap-
hazardly in those times and this
could well have been our ancestor.

* NOTE: There are descendants of these Gambles still living in County Antrim. I made contact with them in 1957 and have remained in touch. Much of the data concerning the Gambles in North Ireland has been contributed by them.

**NOTE: The above referred and previously mentioned (foot note P.4) 'Albert Collins Letter' was written by Albert to his niece, Sarah Jane Gamble (9). The letter appears in its entirety at the end of this work. I include the letter because it is interesting and it is an authentic family paper.

(22) SARAH ADAMS

His marriage license is recorded in Land Evidence Book, No. 1, page 35 at Richmond, R.I. Land Evidence Book No.2 shows him deeding a parcel of land to John Collins of Stonington, Conn. He is identified in these records as having been a blacksmith. He is also called a blacksmith - "ironmaster" is the phrase- in the Albert Collins Letter. The previously mentioned book also shows Jedediah buying land from one James Petty on 1 April 1762. This would indicate that he was old enough to have served in the French and Indian War as mentioned in the "Letter". He was very definitely a resident of Richmond, R.I. in 1769 and 1770.
b 24 Sep 1742 probably in the Connecticut-Rhode Island area.
d no data

(23) CONSTANT SEARLE
m 16 May 1751 at
Stonington, Conn.

Issue: Jedediah m Sarah Searle;
Rouse; James; Stephen. No other data.
b 17 Jun 1728 at Little Compton, R.I.
d 3 Jul 1778. Slain by Indians in the Wyoming massacre. His body was not recovered. Constant is mentioned in a number of books and seems to have been a patriot in the fullest sense. Apparently he moved to the Wyoming Valley-then a part of Connecticut, now in Luzerne County, Pa.- In 1773. One reference (pg.146, Barnes History) is quoted as saying that he was in the Continental Army for some time previous to his death and that he spent the winter of 1777/78 at Valley Forge and was home on furlough at the time of the massacre. Another reference has him joining or rejoining the Army about the first of Jan. 1778 in Westmorland, Conn., in a Captain Ransom's Company. At any rate his son, Constant, Jr. was a Captain and was in command of the detachment General Washington sent to get the women and children back to safety after the massacre. After the war the widow (Hannah) returned to the Valley in 1780 and settled at Pittston. References: Vol.4 Hudson & Mohawk Valley General and Family Memoirs by Reynolds. The Michael Shoemaker Book by Wm. Blair. There are several others.

(24) HANNAH MINER

b 9 Dec 1731 at Stonington.
d 2 Aug 1813 at Pittston, Penna.
bu in Pittston.

Issue; William m Philura Frink;
Hannah m Nathan Dayton Miner; Constant Miner, d y; Elizabeth m (1st) Captain Dettrick Hewitt, he was killed with Constant in the massacre., (2nd) Ishmael Bennett, Jr; Constant Jr.*m (the name Elizabeth Searles shows here. Could be an error or he could have married someone of the same name. There were at least two other Searle families in New England at this time); Ruth m (1st) Nathan Crary (she 21, he 70), (2nd) Nathan Dayton. (Some confusion here-another report has it that her second husband was the widower of her sister Hannah) Rogers m Catherine Scott; Sarah m Jeddediah Collins; James m Abigail Thurston.

(25) PETTER GAMBLE
m no date in
County Antrim

b Date unknown in Co. Antrim, Ireland
d Date unknown but after 5 Oct 1776
bu Derrykeighan, County Antrim.
A country squire of considerable property and wealth. Copy of his will is available.

(26) LILLIAS STIRLING

No dates. She is also buried in Derrykeighan.

Issue: (from Petter's will) Frances, unmarried; Grizell, unmarried; William m Isabella Anderson; Agnes m Robert Hume; Margaret m John Crawford; Jennet m Hugh Hammill; Elizabeth m John Edmonston.

(27) JOSEPH ANDERSON

No data except that he was the owner of the Bushmills distillery and fathered Isabella.

(28) JEDDEDIAH COLLINS
m 13 Aug 1736 at
South Kingston, R I

b 5 Nov 1711, Probably Rhode Island.
d 25 Aug 1762 in the Expedition against Cuba. He served with Captain Russell's Company from Rhode Island. One note mentions him as being from Westerly, R.I. He is also mentioned in Arnolds Vital Records of Rhode Island, 1636 - 1850

*NOTE At this writing it is not certain who Constant, Jr., married, but we know from the Albert Collins Letter and from other sources that he did marry and did raise a family. Should any of you find some of the missing answers to these records please notify me.

- (29) HANNAH WORDEN
No data
Issue: Jeddediah m Sarah Adams.
Only known.
- (30) THOMAS ADAMS
m no data
No data other than that his residence was Richmond, R.I.
- (31) MARY _____
No data
Issue: Ezekiel; Sarah m Jeddediah Collins; Martha; Mary; Thomas; Stephen; Hannah. No proof positive but it seems likely that this Adams line originated with an immigrant ancestor named Henry who was born in England and settled in Medfield, Mass. circa 1634. His children: (As named in his will) Henry; Thomas; Samuel; Jonathan; Peter; John; Joseph; Edward; Ursula.
b 26 Apr 1703 in Little Compton, R.I.
d 18 Dec 1781 in Little Compton.
bu Little Compton.
- (32) NATHANIEL SEARLE
m 18 Dec 1725 in Little Compton
b 10 Mar 1701/2 probably at Malden, Mass.
d 11 Dec 1787 in Little Compton
bu Little Compton
Nathaniel was an important man and enjoyed considerable prominence. He was Assistant Governor (1757-1762) of Rhode Island; Deputy to the General Court (1749, 1768 and 1770); a Magistrate and Town Clerk for 29 yrs.
- (33) ELIZABETH KINNICUTT
Issue: John; Constant m Hannah Miner; Daniel; Betsey; Sarah; Nathaniel; James; Ruth; Comfort and Deborah.
b 1700(?) no location.
d no data.
bu Probably in Stonington.
- (34) SIMEON MINER
m 10 Mar 1731
b 5 Jan 1712. Presumed Stonington.
d Not known.
Issue: Only known is Hannah m Constant Searle.
b and d in North Ireland.
- (35) HANNAH WHEELER
b 5 Jan 1712. Presumed Stonington.
d Not known.
Issue: Only known is Hannah m Constant Searle.
b and d in North Ireland.
- (36) _____ GAMBLE
m no date
b and d in North Ireland.
- (37) _____ BARRY(?)
No data.
- (38) THOMAS STIRLING
m no data
Issue: Petter m Lillias Stirling.
b and d in County Antrim. At least three generations of this family have been Presbyterian ministers in the same church in Derrykeighan. The descendants still worship there.
d 1718. No other data.
Issue: Lillias m Petter Gamble.
Nothing else known.
- (39) _____ SMART

- (40) JOHN WILLIAM COLLINS
m 13 Jan 1703/4 at
Lynn, Mass.
b 28 Jun 1679 at Lynn, Mass.
d 20 Oct 1755 Charleston, R.I.
Was born William but when his brother John died his mother renamed him John William. No other data.
- (41) SUSANNAH DAGGETT
b 1685 at Saco, Maine.
d 14 Jan 1753 at Charleston, R.I.
Nothing else known.
Issue: Jedediah m Hannah Worden.
Only known.
- (42) NATHANIEL SEARLE
m 1694 in
Tiverton, R. I.
b 9 Jun 1662. Probably Dorchester, Mass. One file indicates he was born in Barbadoes Islands. Doesn't seem probable.
d 5 Feb 1750. Little Compton.
buried in Old Cemetery at Little Compton. Stones still stand.
- (43) SARAH ROGERS
b 4 May 1677 at Duxbury, Mass.
d 19 Jan 1770 at Little Compton.
Nathaniel moved from Duxbury to Little Compton at an early date and became first Schoolmaster in that section. A tablet can still be seen, embedded in a stone wall and bearing the inscription, "The site of the first Schoolhouse, Nathaniel Searle first Schoolmaster".
Issue: Deborah; John; Sarah; Nathaniel m Elizabeth Kinnicutt.
- (44) JOHN KINNICUTT
m no data
b 1669 probably in Malden, Mass. Also lived in Kikemuet, R.I.
- (45) ELIZABETH LUTHER
b 2 Feb 1672 probably in Swansea (now Barrington), Mass. Nothing else known.
Issue: Elizabeth m Nathaniel Searle.
Only known.
- (46) _____ MINER
Nothing known about his marriage.
b 1670 either in New London, Woodbury or Stonington. No other data.
Issue: Simeon m Hannah Wheeler. Only known.
- (47) WILLIAM WHEELER
m 30 May 1710
Stonington (?)
b 9 Sep 1681 in Stonington, Conn. Baptized 18 Dec 1681.
d 1745. Probably in Stonington.
- (48) HANNAH GALLUP
b 1683 in Stonington.
Issue: Hannah m Simeon Miner. Only known.
- (49) ROBERT STIRLING
Nothing on marriage.
Only data is that he is buried in County Antrim. Our relatives in Ireland think that our ancestors were Scots and migrated to Ireland. Some probably changed their names. Religious wars, etc.
Issue: Thomas m Smart. Only known

(50) JOHN COLLINS

Nothing beyond the fact that he lived in Lynn, Mass., in 1679.

Issue: John William m Susannah Daggett. Only known.

(51) ROBERT SEARLE (S)*
m abt 1660 probably
in England

b 1640 at Dorchester, England.

d 17 Feb 1717 at Dorchester, Mass.

(52) DEBORAH SALTER

b no date. Uncertain location. England? Dorchester?

d 2 Mar 1713/4 at Dorchester, Mass.

Robert is the immigrant ancestor of the Searle or Searles in our tree.

It is known that he was an inhabitant of Dorchester, Mass., on 9 June 1662 where his name is found several times in the town records. In 1667

he was granted several (12) acres of land and a home site. He was

Town Clerk for 16 years. He was a signer of the Dorchester petition to the King in 1664. References: p.208, History of Dorchester. Dorchester Church Record by Savage. Vol. III, p. 1407, Cutters New England.

Issue: Nathaniel m Sarah Rogers; Salter; Esbon (Edna in some accounts d y); Robert; Edward (some accounts Esbon); Deborah; Jabez m Thankful Topliff; Robert m Rebecca Evans; Deborah m George Pierce.

b 1640 Duxbury, Mass.

d 28 Jun 1732 at Barrington, R.I.

(53) JOHN ROGERS
m (1st) Nov 1666
at Duxbury

b 24 Apr 1647 at Duxbury, Mass.

d before 21 Oct 1679

Issue: Sarah m Nathaniel Searle.

Only known of this, John's first marriage. He was married twice after Elizabeth died and probably had other children.

(54) ELIZABETH PABODIE

* NOTE: Here we find the Searle name spelled 'Searles'. It is also spelled Searl and Searls. Collins shows up at various times as Collens, Collings; Rogers as Rodgers; Miner as Minor, Mynor, Mynore; Gamble as Gambel, Gambal, Gimbal to name a few. Then as now civil servants, census takers, registrars and the like were not selected primarily for their outstanding mental capabilities.

- (55) ROGER KINNICUTT
m Nov 1661
- (56) JOANNA SHEPARDSON
b England.
d no data.
Baptized 13 Mar 1642. No other data.
Roger was the first of the Kinnicutts in this country. Fought in King Philip's War. Originally settled in Malden, Mass., and moved to Swansea, Mass., on 30 Jan 1679.
Issue: John m Elizabeth Luther. Only known.
- (57) REV. SAMUEL LUTHER
m abt 1662
b abt 1636/7 in Yocumtown, Mass.
d 20 Dec 1716 at Swansea, Mass.
bu at Kickemuit in Swansea.
- (58) MARY ABELL
b 11 Apr 1642 at Weymouth, Mass.
d after 1685
Samuel was a representative to the General Court of Plymouth Colony in 1677, 78 and 79. Was Captain of Swansea Militia in 1682. Later was ordained a minister of the First Baptist Church of Swansea, a post he held for thirty one years, terminating when he died.
Issue: Samuel, Jr.; Theophilus; May; Joshua; Elizabeth m John Kinnicutt; Experience; Mehitable m Ebenezer Cole; Ebenezer; Martha; Susanna; Joanna.
b 1640 seemingly in England
d no data.
- (59) THE HON. EPHRIAM MINER
m 20 Jun 1666 probably Gloucester, Mass.
- (60) HANNAH AVERY
b 10 Nov/Dec 1644 Gloucester, Mass.
d 22 Aug 1686(?)
Issue: a son (number 46), nothing else available.
- (61) ISAAC WHEELER
m 10 Jan 1668
b 1646 in Stonington, Conn.
d 5 Jun 1712. No location.
- (62) MARTHA (MARY) PARK
b No data.
d Nothing.
Issue: Mary; Martha m John Williams; Thomas, killed by Indians; Isaac; Ann; Richard m Prudence Payson; Dorothy m Nehemiah Smith; William m Hannah Gallup; Elizabeth m John Gallup; Experience. Graves of Thomas, Mary and Isaac are in Whitehall Cemetery, Mystic, Conn.
- (63) BENEDAM GALLUP
m probably in New London, Conn.
b 1655 Stonington, Conn.
d 2 Aug 1727 probably in Stonington.
- (64) ESTHER PRENTICE
b 20 July 1660 Probably New London.
d 18 May 1751
Both were members of the Stonington Church.
Issue: Hannah m William Wheeler; Esther; Marcy; Benedam, Jr.; Joseph; Margaret; Lucy.

(65) HENRY COLLINS

Nothing on this gentleman other than the belief that he was the first of our Collins line to come over. He originally settled in Mass.

Issue: John. Only known. No record on his marriage.

(66) ANDREW SEARLE

b 1616 in Ipswich, England.

d 7 Nov 1670

One note states that he lived in Kittery, where ever that may be, in 1668.

Issue: Robert m Deborah Salter. Only known.

(67) SAMSON SALTER

m no date

b No date. Caversham, England.

d 1684?

(68) JOANNA _____

No data.

Sailed from Southhampton to America in the 'JAMES'. Arrived in Newport in 1639.

Issue: Deborah m Robert Searle; Nathaniel.

(69) JOHN ROGERS*

m 16 Apr 1639

b abt 1611 in England.

d between 26 Aug 1691 and 20 Sep 1692

(70) ANNA CHURCHMAN

Nothing other than that she was the daughter of Hugh Churchman.

Issue: John m Elizabeth Pabodie; Abigail m John Richmond; Anna m John Tisdale; Thomas Terry; Samuel William; Elizabeth m Nathaniel Williams.

(71) WILLIAM PABODIE

m 26 Dec 1644

b 1620 England.

d 1707/17. Nothing else.

(72) ELIZABETH ALDEN

b 1623

d 31 May 1717

Issue: Elizabeth m John Rogers. Only known.

(73) DANIEL SHEPARDSON

m no data

b England.

d 26 Jul 1644 at Malden, Mass. Will dated 16 May 1644.

(74) JOANNA _____

No data other than surviving Daniel she married one Thomas Cail. Daniel, a blacksmith, came to America in 1626 or 1629. He had brothers, Heborne and Cutler.

Issue: Joanna m Roger Kinnicutt. Only known.

*NOTE: Some records indicate that (69) was Lt. Joseph Rogers, a brother of John's. Joseph m Hannah _____ abt 1631. My research indicates that our ancestor was John.

(75) CAPT. JOHN LUTHER
nothing on his
marriage.

Came to America from England in 1635.
Settled in Boston and in 1637 was one
of the first forty six ancient or original
purchasers of Tauton, Mass.
Soon sold his share there and became
one of the first settlers of Gloucester,
Mass. He was a sea captain and
was employed by Boston merchants to
captain a trading voyage to Delaware
Bay. While there he was killed by
Indians. Evidently his son was captured
at the same time because on
2 May 1646 the General Court of Massachusetts
decreed that the Widow Luther should
have the balance of her husband's wages,
according to sea custom, after allowing
the merchants the amount they had paid
for the redemption of her son. We have
no record of the name of the 'Widow Luther'.
The tradition of this Luther family
states that they are descendants of
Johannes Luther, brother of the immortal
Martin, and that Johannes had settled
in Sussex, England, after leaving Saxony
during the Reformation.

Issue: John who was ransomed from
the Indians; Samuel m Mary Abell;
Hezekiah.

(76) ROBERT ABELL
m 1638

b abt 1605/10 in England.
d before 8 Sep 1663.

(77) JOANNA _____

No data. She survived Robert and
married a William Hyde in 1667.
Robert came to the Colonies with
Winthrop's fleet in 1630. He was a
freeman in Weymouth 18 May 1631.

Issue: Mary m Samuel Luther. Only
known.

(78) THOMAS MINER
m 1634 probably in
England

b England.
d 1690 in Stonington, Conn.

(79) GRACE PALMER

no data.

Thomas was the immigrant ancestor
of the Miner line. They were a prominent
family in England. Thomas resided
at various times in Charleston,
Mass., New London, Conn., Woodbury,
Conn., and Stonington.

Issue: John; Thomas; Clement; Eph-
raim m Hannah Avery; Judah; Manas-
sah; Joseph; Samuel; Ann; Marie;
Eunice; Elizabeth; Hannah.

- (80) CAPT. JAMES AVERY
m 10 Nov 1643 at
Gloucester, Mass.
(81) JOANNA GREENSLADE

b 1620 England.
d 18 May 1700 near London, Conn.

No data.

Captain James was a selectman 1660-1680; Commissioner 1663-1678; Lieutenant of New London Train Band 1665; Captain in King Phillip's War; Representative to the General Court 1656-1680; Assistant Judge of the Prerogative Court.

Issue: Hannah m Ephraim Miner. Only known.

- (82) THOMAS WHEELER
m 1645

b 1602 Cranfield, England.

d 4 Mar 1686 probably Stonington, Conn

- (83) MARY _____

No data.

Issue: Isaac m Martha (Mary) Park. Only known.

- (84) CAPT. JOHN GALLUP
m 1643

b No date. England

d 19 Dec. 1675. Killed in the "Swamp Fight" at Narrangansett.

- (85) HANNAH LAKE

No dates. She was a neice of Governor Winthrop. John was a soldier in the Peqout War. Was a man of some prominence in his time and location.

Issue: Hannah; John; Esther; Benedam m Esther Prentice; William; Samuel; Chistobel; Elizabeth; Mary; Margaret. No data.

- (86) JOHN PRENTICE
m no data

- (87) ESTHER _____

No data

Issue: Esther m Benedam Gallup. Only known.

- (88) THOMAS ROGERS
Nothing on his
marriage.

b 1537 (date not certain) Probably in England.

d Feb 1621 in Plymouth, Mass.

Thomas was a "Camlot" merchant in London and Leyden, Holland. His place in London seems to have been in the Parish of St Bartholomew the Great where he was a taxpayer together with Christopher Martin, Governor of the Mayflower, and John Hooke. Thomas became interested in the Pilgrim movement almost at its beginning and was a member of the Leyden Congregation on or before 25 Jun 1618. In order to finance his Mayflower trip he sold his house on Barbara Lane in Leyden on 1 Apr 1620 to one Mordecai Cohen for 300 gilders. He is buried on "Burial Hill" alongside those others who died in that first hard winter. His son, Joseph,

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- (89) JOHN ALDEN
m 1621/22
- (90) PRISCILLA MULLINS
- (91) GEORGE ABELL
m no date
Prerogative Court
Canterbury.
- (92) FRANCES COTTON
- (93) CLEMENT MINER
m no data
- (94) SARAH POPE
- (95) CHRISTOPHER AVERY
m 26 Aug 1616 at
Ippleton, Devonshire
- (96) MARGERY STEVENS
- (97) THOMAS WHEELER
- (98) JOHN GALLUP
m no data
- (99) CHRISTOBEL _____

then twelve, came to America with him. Thomas was one of the signers of the famous compact. Governor Bradford, in his History of Plymouth Plantation states that the other children of Thomas came over later.

Issue: John m Anna Churchman; Joseph m Hanna _____; William m Ann Sherman?; James m Elizabeth Rowland.

b 1599 in England
d 12/22 Sep 1687 in Plymouth, Mass.
b 1600 in England.
d on or after 1650.

Issue: Elizabeth m William Pabodie.
b Hemington, England. Also lived in Stepenhill, Derbyshire.
d Will dated 8 Sep 1630, proved 7 Feb 1631.

bu in Lockington.

No data.

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Issue: Robert m Joanna.

No data.

d 31 Mar 1640 at Chew Magna, England.

No data

Issue: Thomas m Grace Palmer; Elizabeth; Mary.

b 1590 Devonshire, England.

d 1679 New London, Conn.

No data. She did not come to America. Christopher was a weaver. Selectman in 1646, 1652 and 1654. He purchased a home in Boston on 18 Mar 1658. Was a Freeman in Colony of Connecticut in Oct 1669.

Issue: James m Joanna Greenslade.

Only known.

b 1560 in Cranfield, England.

Nothing else.

Issue: Thomas m Mary.

b No data.

d 11 Jan 1655

b no data

d 27 Sep 1655 in Boston, Mass.

John came to America from the Parish of Mosterne, County Dorset, England. Left from Plymouth, England in 1630 in the ship "Mary and John" and landed at what is now Hull, Mass. His wife and children followed in 1633. John settled first in Dorchester and soon moved to Boston where both he

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- (100) JOHN LAKE
m no data
- (101) MARGARET WINTHROP
- (102) THOMAS MATHEW ROGERS
m abt 1586
- (103) _____ MC MURDOCKE
- (104) WILLIAM MULINES
m no data.
- (105) WILLIAM MINER
m no data.
- (106) CHRISTOPHER AVERY
m no data
- (107) JOAN _____.
- (108) JOHN GALLUP
m no data.
- (109) BERNARD ROGERS
m abt 1564 in
Scotland.
- (110) WILLIAM MINER
m no date
- (111) ISABELLA HARCOPE
DE FROLIBAY

and his wife were admitted to First Church in 1634. He owned Gallup's Island and was a skilled mariner.
Issue: John m Hannah Lake; Joan; Samuel; Nathaniel.
No data.

No data. She was the sister of Governor John Winthrop.
Issue: Hannah m Capt. John Gallup.
Only known.

b abt 1565 in the north of England or in Scotland.

No data.
Issue: Thomas m _____; Edmund; William; George; John.

No data.
Issue: Priscilla m John Alden.

b No data.
bu at Chew Magna 23 Feb 1585.
Issue: Clement m Sarah Pope; Thomas; Mary (?).

No data

No data.
Christopher was a weaver of Newton Abbott, County Devon, England.
Issue: Christopher m Margery Stevens.
No data other than that he was English.

Issue: John m Christobel _____.
b 1543 Wittenberg, Saxony. Nothing else.
No data concerning his death or who he married. Bernard was educated in Germany, went to England and from there to Scotland. Nothing else.

Issue: Thomas Mathew m _____ McMurdock.
No data on his birth or death.

Nothing on her birth or death.
It is claimed that William is the lad who killed King Richard III, having sworn to avenge the deaths of the two princes who were slain in the Tower by Richard who was their uncle.
Issue: William m _____; George Thomas, this could well be two names; Robert; Nathaniel; John; and four others. John and Nathaniel went to Ireland in 1541 when Henry VIII was proclaimed King of Ireland.

- (112) THOMAS GALLUP
m no date
- (113) AGNES WATKINS
b no data. He lived in North Bowood and Strode in England.
No data.
Their descendants still own and occupy the Manors of Strode.
Issue: John m
- (114) REV JOHN ROGERS
m abt 1536
b 1507 at Deritend near Birmingham, County Warwick, England. Burned at the stake by the church. d 4 Feb 1555
- (115) ADRIANA PRATT, alias DE WEYDEN
No dates on her birth or death. She was a niece of Jacob Von Meteren. John was educated at Cambridge leaving there about 1526 when he took holy orders in the Roman Catholic Church. From here on his life was one of turmoil and strife. He left the Roman church and became a leader in the Anglican Reformation. For this he was condemned to death by faggot. His wife and children were forced to watch his ordeal.
Issue: Susan m John Short; Samuel; Philip; John m Mary Leete; Daniel; Ambrose; Bernard m; Augustine; Barnaby; Elizabeth m James Proctor; Hester m Henry Ball.
b 1436 in England.
d 1480 in England.
- (116) THOMAS MINER
m no date
- (117) BRIDGET HERVIE
No dates. On the death of Thomas she left her two children in the care of her father, Sir George Hervie, and went into a convent in Datford.
Issue: William m Isabella Harcope de Frolibay; Name of other not known.
- (118) JOHN ROGERS
m abt 1505/6
b 1485 at Bradford on the Avon, Wilts, England.
d no data.
- (119) MARGARET WYATT
No dates.
John is referred to as, "John Rogers of Deritend".
Issue: John m Adriana Pratt; William; Edward; Eleanor m Robert Mylward; Joan.
No data
- (120) LODOVICK MINER
m no date
- (121) ANNA DYER
No data. She was from Staughton, Huntingdonshire, England.
Issue: Thomas m Bridget Hervie; George and Arthur, twins. Arthur served in the House of Austria.
- (122) SIR GEORGE HERVIE
No data. He lived in St Martin's County, Middlesex.
Issue: Bridget m Thomas Miner. Only known.

- (123) THOMAS ROGERS,
Sargeant at Law, Esq.
m (1st)
b 1435. Probably at Benham Valence,
a Furneaux mansion.
d 1489 at Bradford on the Avon, Wilts.
Buried there.
- (124) CECELIA BESILL
m (2nd)
No data. She was from Bradford.
Issue: William. Only known.
- (125) CATHERINE DE COURTNEY
No dates. She was the eighth genera-
tion in direct line from Edward I,
King of England through the de Court-
neys, de Bohuns, etc., and through
Edward I a direct line is establish-
ed to King Alfred. The historian
Gibson states that the House of
Courtney is "--one of the most il-
lustrious families among the English
nobility".
Issue: George; John m Margaret Wyatt.
No dates. He was "of Abington Castle".
Was quite prominent in the Courts
of Henry II and Henry III. The Sir
Thomas Wyatt who led the uprising
against the marriage of Queen Mary
to Philip of Spain, and paid for his
trouble by losing his head, was a
nephew.
Issue: Margaret m John Rogers.
b 1399. Lived in Herefordshire, Eng.
d no date.
- (126) SIR HENRY WYATT
No dates. She lived in Stafford-
shire, England.
Issue: Lodovick m Anna Dyer; George;
Mary.
- (127) THOMAS MINER
m no date
No data. Lived in Staughton, Hunt-
ingdonshire, England.
- (128) _____ GRESSLAP
b 1408 at Ashington, Somerset, in a
Furneaux Mansion.
Issue: Thomas m Catherine de Courtney
Nothing other than that given in des-
cription of Catherine de Courtney (125)
Issue: Catherine m Thomas Rogers.
- (129) THOMAS DYER
m no data.
No dates. He served under Richard II
in 1384.
- (130) THOMAS ROGER, GENT.
m abt 1433/4
Wife unknown
No dates. She lived in Wiltshire, Eng.
Issue: Thomas m _____ Gresslap. Only
known.
- (131) SIR PHILIP DE COURTNEY
No data.
Issue: _____ m Thomas Miner.
b abt 1386 in England. Nothing else
known.
Issue: Thomas m _____.
- (132) WILLIAM MINER
m no date
- (133) _____ HOBBS
- (134) COTTON GRESSLAP
m Nothing known
- (135) SIR JOHN FITZROGER, Knt.
m Nothing known

- (136) HENRY MINER
m no date
No data.
- (137) HENRIETTA HICKS
No dates. Lived in Gloucester, Eng.
Issue: William m Hobbs.
b abt 1335 in England
d no date.
- (138) JOHN FITZROGER
m abt 1385
No dates. She was the widow of Sir John Blount and very wealthy. She was the sole heir of her father and the 9th generation descended from Odo de Fornell who came to England with the Conqueror.
Issue: Sir John Fitzroger m.
Only known.
- (139) ELIZABETH DE FURNEAUX
BLOUNT
b no date.
d 1359. Henry was able to give some assistance to King Edward III during a war against the French and for this effort was knighted. The alleged origin of the Family in England was a knight named Mynors who came to England with William the Conqueror and was granted the estate of Triago in Hertfordshire for his loyalty.
Issue: Henry m Henrietta Hicks. Only known.
- (140) HENRY MINER
m no data
No data. Lived in Gloucester.
Issue: Henrietta m Henry Miner.
A merchant of Rome who fled to England where he engaged in business. He was descended from either Duke Robert or Grand Count Roger who were leaders in the Norman conquest of Sicily. The first known of the line is Sir Tancred de Hautville, a nobleman of Hautville near Cautauces, Normandy.
- (141) EDWARD HICKS
No information
- (142) AARON JOHN FITZROGERS
No dates. He lived in Ashington, England. A noble of great power and wealth.
- (143) SIR SIMON DE FURNEAUX

THE ALBERT M. COLLINS LETTER

Albert M. Collins (son of Jedediah and Sarah Searle Collins) wrote this letter to his niece, Sarah Gamble Soule, daughter of John R. and Lavina Collins Gamble. The letter is presented in its entirety. My comments will be enclosed in double parentheses thusly (())).

Benton Harbor ((Mich.)) Feb 17th, 1880.

Dear Sis-

Yours of the 8th inst is received, we were all glad to hear from you again and that your mother's health was as good as could be expected. You state that you are now an old woman and wear spectacles and grey hair, that is the lot of us all we must come to that state sooner or or later. ((at the time this letter was written to her "Aunt Sis", as she was called, was forty six years old. She lived to be eighty three)). Sorry to hear of John's loss ((do not know to what he refers here but it may have been the loss of a child. His nephew, John R II lost two children as infants)) but we must submit to the will of God. He does all things for the best. We had a very mild winter here, no cold weather since the first of January. More like April than winter. No sleighing. About the first of Dec snow fell about 3 inches which is all we have had until last night we got about as much more which is going off today now warm and pleasant. You ask about Franks wife, he married a Miss Plumb. They live with us. Now as to your new acquaintance Mr. Sweatland. I know that there was a family of that name that lived on or near the battle ground of the massacre of Wyoming. His name was Beldon Sweatland. He had a brother who emigrated west and settled in Bloomfield, Delaware County, Ohio. One of his sons boarded at our house and went to school in Sunbury, Ohio. Your mother will recollect it. I have no knowledge they were any connection of ours.

I now will try to reply to your request. All my knowledge is by tradition. What I have heard my father and mother tell me. My mother had the records of the Searls family complete far back long before the parent stock came from England but Judge Carrington Searls came to our house and borrowed it and agreed to return it but never has done so. I cannot go farther back than that my grandfather Searls (his given name was either Constant or Roger) ((it was Constant)) emigrated from Connecticut to Wyoming. He had 3 sons and four daughters. Constant, William and Roger. The daughters were Elizabeth, Hannah, Ruth and Sarah (my mother). Elizabeth married Captain Hewitt who was killed at the battle of Wyoming. Ruth married a man by the name of Crary who settled near Oneida Lake, N. Y. I think Hannah married a man by the name of Atwater who settled in the same place. ((he does not name the youngest child, James, who married a girl named Abigail Thurston)). ((compare with the issue of numbers 23 & 24 of the genealogy)).

Constant, Jr., was a Captain in Washington's Army. After the battle ((it is assumed he means after the Wyoming Massacre)) Constant, Jr.'s Company was in a detachment Washington sent to guard the

people through to Connecticut. Constant Jr., was subsequently taken prisoner and confined in the old prison ship Jersey. After the war was over he settled in Providence on the Lackawanna River. He had two sons, Constant III and Lyman.

Roger and William were both in the battle of Wyoming. After the war they both returned from Connecticut and settled in Pittston, Luzern County, Pa. Wm had 3 sons and 4 daughter. Miner, William Jr., and Carrington. Miner died in the Black Swamp, Ohio a government surveyor. Carrington studied law and subsequently became a Judge in Ohio. Minor's widow lived after his death in Sunbury. When last I heard from her she raised her family respectably there. William Searls, Jr., settled a few miles above Wilkesbury, Pa. The daughters were Nabby, Fanny, Hannah and Polly. Nabby married Stephen Abbot who had 3 sons and one daughter, John, Wm, Fuller and Eliza. Wm Abbot lives near Mt Vernon, Ohio. Hannah married a merchant by the name of Vonstorck. We used to call him Sterick. Your mother can tell you all about him.

Polly married Elisher Blakman whose son edited a paper in Newark, Ohio. When I left Ohio I met him in the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance. He is sharper than steel. Fanny was an old maid when last we heard from her.

Uncle Roger Searls had five sons and three daughters. John, Daniel, Milton, Leonard and Rasselas. Your mother told me that Rasselas had made you a visit. I cannot give you any further information of Uncle Roger's family.

Now it is about time I came back to tell something about Grandfather Searls. He was in the fort at Wyoming when the forces were formed outside the fort. He was among them but Captain Hewitt sent him back to take care of the women and children. But when they came to count off the men the Col. Denison said they must have 50 more men. Grandfather was the first man that volunteered. Then 63 ((this would seem an error. All other records - and there are many - show him to have been just past his fiftieth birthday when he was killed)) years of age. It was customary for men that could afford it to wear a large amount of silver and gold such as shoe buckles, knee buckles, hat buckles, sleeve buttons, broochs and the like. Grandfather took these all off and gave them to grandmother then joined the forces and marched out to battle and was slain and his body left with the rest of the killed to rot above ground. I cannot give you any information in regard to the family of my grandmother. Have no knowledge even of her maidenname. Grandmother lived and died at our house. She gave the silver that Grandfather took from his person before the battle to my mother who had it made into spoons at our house. I have had the luck to have the spoons stolen since living in this place.

*Now Grandfather Collins was of Irish descent if not purely Irish. He was in the old French and English war, was at the

*NOTE: It would appear that grandsire Collins (21) was a mighty intrepid old warrior but there is nothing to disprove the statements concerning his record as a soldier. His age was such that he could have been every where the 'letter' states.

taking of Quebec under General Wolfe. After the war he settled in Hopkinton, Washington County, Rhode Island. His occupation was what we, in these days, call an iron master. On the breaking out of the war of the Revolution and the battle of Lexington he joined the forces and was at the battle of Bunker Hill. After the battle when Washington took command of the forces and the British left Boston Washington moved his force to New York. Whether Grandfather went there and was in the battle of Long Island I don't know but he was in the great battle of Saratoga under General Gates and the surrender of Sir John Burgoyne with his 7,000 red coats and all his artillery. After this he got transferred to the Infant Navy and was cruising in the Mediterranean and was taken down with small pox and died and was buried at sea.

I cannot give you any information in regard to my Grandmother. I only know that she sold the property which she had no right to do and which is now worth a million or more.

Father had an aunt, an old maid, living in Trenton, New Jersey, by the name of Richmond. She might have been a sister of my grandmother. She was living there at the time of the battle. She carried Washington his breakfast on a large server. He ate sitting on his horse. She kept that server as sacred as her Bible and never would have it used after.

I neglected to state that my father had 3 brothers. Rouse, James and Stephen. Rouse was living in Hopkinton, Washington County, Rhode Island in 1847. Brother John went to see him at that time. Stephen left Pittston, Pa., about 1816 and has not been heard from since. James died in the year 1826. He had quite a large family and I don't know the names of but two of the children. Jame ((sic)) and Nancy. Nancy was living in New York City in 1847. Brother John went to see her there.

I think this is about all the information I can give you. If you read over this whole scroll to your mother no doubt she can enlarge and rectify any mistakes. But I think I have given you a correct history of our family as far as my knowledge extends. ("Uncle Albert" - as he was always referred to by those in the family who knew him - spent several days writing this letter. The date is now Feb 22))

Fine weather continues here. No snow, warm pleasant days with cool nights. There has been a good deal of sickness here this winter. Scarlet fever, diphtheria and consumption which has proved fatal in many cases. You say Miller got the Ledvill ((?)) fever, he had better take something to cool it for they are dying off by the scores with a new disease that the doctors don't understand. I will tell him of a business that is sure to make money but he may think it slow. Good black walnut lumber is now worth in Chicago \$160.00 per M. I am informed by good authority there is any amount of it on the

river bottoms of the Missouri that can be had for mere nominal price. Now if that be so, which I don't doubt, there is a fortune in it. Henry and George will go there next fall. Would be glad to have Miller go with them and take one of the little army mills which can be moved as quick as a threshing machine. Tell Miller to think the matter over and come make us a visit and we will discuss the matter more fully. Now Sis I have written you ten pages. I think you are indebted to me for ten postal cards, one every ten days. Love to your mother and all the rest.

/s/ A. M. Collins.

P S With your mother's help perhaps you can pick out enough from these papers to find out who we all are. My mother used often to say that her father descended from some great one and that he had a great coat of arms. Perhaps his ancestors might have picked some Queen's garter sometime or some other trifle which don't amount to much these democratic times. We are all well. My love to all.

/s/ A. M. Collins.

Following are two additional notes which appear in the family papers:

Given by Rasselas Searle to Grandma Gamble ((Lavina Collins Gamble-sister to A.M.Collins)), who visited her ten days before her death. (30 Jul 1881) "Constant Searles wife was Hannah Miner, daughter of Seymour Miner of Stonington, Conn. She died and is buried in Pittston, Pa., 3 Aug 1813. The Grandmother whom Uncle Albert Collins refers to here as not knowing much about was, before her marriage to his Grandfather, a Miss Adams ((see22)), a near relative of the second President of the United States." ((This statement does not check out. I have gone into this relationship thoroughly and if any relationship existed it was mighty remote)) And the property he refers to is still open to litigation. This I have often been told by my mother who was the second daughter of Jedediah and Sarah Searle Collins and who was the granddaughter of this patriot who died in the service of his country and was buried at sea. /s/ Sarah Jane Gamble Soule, 20 July 1881.

Jedediah Collins, whose home was in Pittston, Pa., leased to the school trustees about one and three quarters acres of land for a site for a school house. The lease was to run for 99 years. The lease expired a few years ago. There was no claimant for the land and by some means not known to the heirs the land was sold to the Rail Road Company. They erected their machine shops and round house on it and have it in their possession. Jedediah Collins left five children. Nancy, Mrs. Slocum whose daughter Mrs. Armstrong is yet living in Sunbury, Ohio. Lavina Married John R. Gamble. Daniel, Albert and John Adams were the sons. These children all left heirs whose whereabouts can easily be found. A short time ago a man visited Mrs. Armstrong and offered her \$100.00 for a quit claim deed from the heirs.

/s/ Sarah Gamble Soule. 9 Jan 1894

END

After a short time of waiting, the door opened and a man in a dark suit and tie came out. He was looking at his watch and seemed to be in a hurry. He walked down the stairs and out of the building. The door closed behind him and the man in the suit disappeared.

THE END

I have been thinking about you a great deal lately. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy with work, but I always find time to think of my friends. I hope you are doing well and happy.

Yours truly,

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